

Rose Hill Newsletter

"Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common"
-Acts 2:44



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Brown Bag of Columbus

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Lads to Leaders

Ladies Weekly Bible Class

Thursday Night Bible Study

Pastoral Institute Counseling

Sunday, March 29, 2020

The Wilderness of Loneliness

Sometimes mountaintop experiences are followed by valleys of despair. This was true in the case of Elijah. In 1 Kings 18, Elijah literally went up to a mountaintop and experienced God's power. He faced off against the prophets of the so-called god named Baal. These prophets tried to get Baal to show up and prove that he was divine...but nothing happened. Then Elijah asked the Lord to "let it be known today that you are God in Israel" (1 Kings 18:36). God acted powerfully as fire came down from heaven, and Elijah was victorious over all the prophets.

While that is an amazing story, it doesn't stop on the mountaintop. In the very next chapter we find that Elijah's life is threatened by the wicked queen, Jezebel. She declared that she would rather die than allow Elijah to live one more day (19:2)! Elijah was startled by this hatred and he fled to the wilderness.

This is so important. Elijah was "afraid and running for his life" (19:3). So deep was his despair that he prayed to God that he might die (19:4). Have you ever felt that way? Sometimes the weight of loneliness, fear, and suffering can overwhelm us.

Something remarkable happens here. Elijah falls asleep (19:5). Then an angel woke him up and told him to eat something (19:6), so Elijah did and then fell back asleep. Again the angel woke him and told him to eat some more (19:7), and this food strengthened him to travel to Mt. Horeb (19:8-9).

While in the cave at Mt. Horeb, God displays his presence to Elijah in some fascinating ways—a lesson for another time. The point I want us to consider today is simple: sometimes the best thing you can do for your soul is to take a nap and eat a good meal!

That may sound unusual. I think it is because we are guilty of over-separating the body and soul. Our physical, emotional, and spiritual health are interconnected. In this moment Elijah actually needed a nap and a meal more than he needed prayer, reading Scripture, or going to the temple! Of course, those things were very important, but the angel did not come and ask Elijah to pray—he told Elijah to eat.

The bottom line is that when we get overwhelmed with what's going on in our world, it could be that what we most need is *rest*. It is good to pause, eat a wholesome meal, and even take a nap—it can rejuvenate not only our physical bodies but also our soul!

Nathan Diller

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Monday – Friday
9am – 1pm

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Bone, Philip & Marian (10th)-April 3



Judy Deising – March 30

Raymond Chapman – March 30

Sydney Johnson – March 31

Aiden Barnes – April 2

Hannah Renner – April 2

Megan Watkins – April 3

PRAYER LIST - MEMBERS.

***Larry Stewart** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. He had a biopsy on Friday to determine if he will need surgery.

***Margaret Stewart** was to have hernia surgery, but it has been postponed.

***Billy McQuilton** will be having tests done on April 6th.

Ongoing Health Issues:

Rick & Norma Cox, Debbie Robison (radiation treatment), **Lin Shaw, Donna Greene, Jan Davidson, Ann Jones** (health issues), **Mary Jo Hargett, Pat Johnson** (health issues), **Lonnie & Pat Taylor, Linda Brooks** (health issues), **Rick Cox** (cancer treatment), **Jerry Craft** (health issues), & **Jason Valero** (seizures).

PRAYER LIST - FRIENDS & FAMILY

***Ralph & Sharon Bond** (the parents of Justin Bond-Michelle Riggs Bond) are in the hospital with pneumonia. Also, **Tommy Bond** (the nephew) has pneumonia.

***Donna Ectstien** (sister of Dewayne Long) fell and broke some bones.

***David & Heather Corder** (Misty Johnston's daughter and husband) have asked for prayers.

CANCER:

***Doug Shay** (brother of Marguerite McKinney) prostate.

***Teri Whitehurst** (co-worker of Marguerite McKinney) breast cancer.

***Steve Young** (friend of the McKinney's) prostate cancer.

***Sandy** (daughter of Sandra Ousley) breast cancer.

***Marc Phillips** (Lisa Phillips' husband) has CLL Leukemia.

***Mike Venable** (son of Ann Venable) cancer.

***Genevieve Silvia** (Andrew Ellis' sister) has cancer.

***Ferryn Rice Moss** (Lacey Barnes' sister), cancer.

***Carolyn** (friend of Rachel Riggs), Follicular B Cell Lymphoma.

***Kathy Bednar** (Larry & Margaret Stewart's niece) has thyroid cancer and her son **AJ** has osteomyelitis (a rare bone infection).

***Karen** (Linda Willmschen's cousin) lung cancer.

***Roberta Fedoush** (Donna Hasting's niece) cancer.

DEALING WITH HEALTH ISSUES:

***Tim Ross** (Judy Deising's brother-in-law) is recovering from surgery.

***Aubrey Prestidge** (preacher at Hartwell Church) recovering from surgery.

***Tommy Burke** (friend of Tammy & Dewayne Long) is 81 years old and has health issues.

***Madelyn Schuler** (Bud Paepcke's sister) leg issues after a spider bite.

***Ben Paepcke** (Bud Paepcke's nephew) broke his neck in a surfing accident on July 4th. He is home in his mom's care.

***Danette** (aunt of Jessica Ives) has stage 4 kidney failure.

***Frank Long** (Dewayne Long's brother).

SHUT-INS

Chuck & Jean Burns, Patricia Campbell, Naomi Fonville, Ruby Hall, & Carol Riggs

PRAYER LIST - ARMED FORCES

Army, Ft. Benning:

David Bryan

Allen Ives

Sean Fearing

Gabe Johnson-Deployed

Ryan Franks

Christian Manjarrez

National Guard:

Justin Carnes

Other Duty Stations:

David Corder-KY

Cory Grizzard - TX

BABIES DUE

*Congratulations to **Dillon & Heather Dixon!!** They are expecting a baby in November.

*Congratulations to **Joseph & Buffy Glenn!!** They are expecting a baby in November.

Look at the Big Picture

It's easy for us to act in our own interests and think of ourselves first. That's especially true in times like this where we are thinking of our own needs and safety. While we've seen this happen, we've also seen people step up and choose others first. We've seen those who have continued working step up and go the extra mile. Their actions have encouraged America and have helped bind us closer together as a nation. Jesus talked about how putting others first was important. He knew what a difference that could make in the world.

In Matthew 7:12 we read what He said so long ago, "Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." We know this so well and we can quote it easily. The issue is putting it into practice. This requires humility and love. It also takes the ability to see the big picture. Right now, a lot of America can see the big picture and are humbling themselves to help others.

The question that we have to ask ourselves is "is this how we will act during special circumstances or is this how we will choose to live all the time?" At some point this virus will go away and we will go back to living our lives. When that time comes what will you do? Will you choose to live by putting others first?

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself.

Scott

Calendar Events for the next few weeks have been cancelled or postponed. If you have a question about an event that was on the calendar, please feel free to call the office.



BROWN BAG

The Brown Bag item for this month is 500 15 oz cans of **SWEET PEAS**. The deadline will be April 8th. Please drop off your items at the door by the awning.